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COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The above-identified application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006. It is respectfully submitted that the claims pending in the application, namely claims 11-19, are fully supported by the specification, introduce no new matter, and are patentable over the prior art.

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